

Notes on our Hepaticæ.

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I. NORTHERN SPECIES.

In a recent address, Simon Newcomb made the prophecy that the time would come when he who made a discovery in the literature of a science would be entitled to as great recognition as he who made a discovery in nature. With the sharply defined division of labor and the elaborate systems of indexing now in use this is hardly likely to prove true in botanical science; yet we have not passed the time when the discovery of forgotten works does not produce extensive upheavals in the nomenclature of long established species and supplants names long familiar by others often less euphonious and simple. In the literature of the Hepaticæ two works, neither of which has any special merit or originality, have been the source of much contention and difference of opinion, and, in connection with the earlier works of Necker¹ and Raddi², really form the foundation of generic distinctions among the Hepaticæ. Copies of these works, though long sought for, have only recently come into our possession. They bear the titles: "A Natural Arrangement of British Plants," by Samuel Frederick Gray, 2 vols. London, 1821, and "Commentationes Botanicae. Observations Botaniques par B. C. Dumortier." Tournay, 1822.

In the first named work the species of *Jungermania*, of which the British species had been elaborately monographed by the elder Hooker five years before³, were placed in new genera, which, for the greater part, corresponded to the sections already indicated in Hooker's work. The genera thus established were: *Riccardius*, *Pallavicinius*, *Herverus*, *Papa*, *Blasia*, *Maurocenius*, *Salviatus*, *Pandulphinus*, *Marchesinus*, *Cavendishia*, *Martinellius*, *Mylius*, *Nardius*, *Jungermannia*, *Bazzanius*, *Scalius*, *Cesius*, *Herbertus*⁴, *Lippius*, and *Kantius*. Of these *Blasia* had been named by Micheli⁵, and adopted by Linnæus; Hooker, however, had united it with

¹*Elementa Botanica*, 1790.

²*Jungermannisgrafia Etrusca in Atte d. Soc. Ital. d. Scienze*, XVIII, 1-45 (1818).

³*British Jungermannia*, 1816.

⁴In the text (vol. I, pp. 634, 705) this name is given to two entirely distinct genera; the former, however, is changed to *Pallavicinius* later in the volume (p. 775).

⁵*Nova plantarum genera*, 1729.

Jungermannia. Jungermannia was first established by Rappius⁶, and being adopted by Linnæus and all subsequent writers, stands to-day as the typical genus of the order. Cavendishia was a name given for a group of plants which had been designated as Porella by Dillenius⁷, and which, singularly enough, had been placed by Linnæus with the Musci; the genus in question has latterly been more commonly known under the name of Madotheca. Of the other genera Herverus, Papa, Maurocenius and Salviatus had already been named by Raddi⁸ as Metzgeria, Pellia, Fossombronia and Frullania, respectively. Pandulphinus had also been named Lejeunea by Mademoiselle Libert a year before⁹. Several of Gray's genera, with the termination properly changed to the feminine form, are now adopted by most hepaticologists; among these are Pallavicinia, Mylia, Nardia, Bazzania, Scalia, Herberta, and Kantia¹⁰. Cesia and Lippia must yield to names previously given to genera of flowering plants. This leaves two genera, Riccardia and Martinellia, concerning which there is considerable difference of opinion, the names being adopted by some and rejected by others; a statement of the question of their adoption, which presents some interesting problems bearing on the question of priority, will be stated below.

In Dumortier's work, which covers a wide range of botanical matter, chapitre cinquieme is entitled *Essai d'une Monographie des Jongermannes*. The essential part of this essay of fourteen pages is a division of the pre-Linnæan genus Jungermania into nineteen genera, as follows: Codonia, Madotheca, Lejeunea, Phragmicoma, Jubula, Radula, Mesophylla, Jungermania, Thricbrolea, Saccogyna, Cincinnulus, Schisma, Marsupella, Mniopsis, Dilæna, Fasciola, Aneura, Scopulina, and Blasia, all of which, except Jungermania, Lejeunea and Blasia, were new. As Dumortier was ignorant of the work of either Raddi in Italy or Gray in England, he naturally duplicated several genera. Thus Madotheca = Porella Diel. Fasciola, Codonia and Scopulina are, respectively, Metzgeria, Fossombronia and Pellia of Raddi; while Dilæna, Mesophylla, Mniopsis, Schisma and Cincinnulus are the equivalents of Pallavicinia, Nardia, Scalia, Herberta, and Kantia of Gray. Jubula, although

⁶Flora Jenensis, 2d ed., 1726.

⁷Historia Muscorum, 1741.

⁸Loc. cit.

⁹In *Ann. gen. sc. Phys.* V, 372 (1820).

¹⁰A contribution of interest on Gray's genera, by Dr. Carrington, may be found in volume X of the Transactions of the Botanical Society, Edinburgh (1870).

originally including Raddi's species of *Frullania*, had for its type species *Jungermania Hutchinsiae* Hooker, and as this is the type of a very distinct genus, properly retains this name. *Phragmicoma*, although preceded by Gray's *Marchesinus*, has stood as a genus until recently, when it has been united with *Lejeunea* by one of the masters in hepaticology in his recent revision¹¹. The distinctive characters of *Marsupella* have been pointed out, and it has been re-established by the same masterly hand¹². *Thricholea* (afterwards changed by Dumortier himself to *Tricholea*, and by Nees corrected to *Trichocolea*) and *Saccogyna* still stand as good genera. This leaves the two genera, which have been referred to already, *Aneura* and *Radula*. The case of the first is rather simple: *Riccardius*, established by Gray, contained three Linnæan species, viz: *Jungermania multifida*, *J. pinguis* and *Riccia fluitans*. *Aneura*, established a year later by Dumortier, contained four, viz: *Jj. multifida*, *sinuata*, *pinguis* and *palmata*. The name *Riccardia*, being preoccupied elsewhere, as is the earlier *Candollea* of Raddi, there seems little reason why *Aneura* should not be maintained, excluding, of course, the third species of *Riccardius*, which Gray, attracted by superficial resemblance, had erroneously placed here.

The other case is more complicated. Gray established the genus *Martinellius*, of which the first-named species was *Jungermania complanata* L., followed by eight others, including *J. nemorosa* and *J. spinulosa*. A year later Dumortier established the genus *Radula*, of which the first species was the same *J. complanata* L., followed by, essentially, the same species. In a later work Dumortier¹³ divided this genus into three sections: 1. *Radulotypus*, of which *complanata* is the type; 2. *Scapania*, of which *nemorosa* is a type; and 3. *Plagiochila*, of which *spinulosa* is a type. Still later¹⁴ he established the two latter sections as genera which have since been properly recognized as such, and with the advance of the study in other regions have so grown as to contain a very extensive array of species. If we are to adopt Gray's nomenclature in this case, the name *Radula* must certainly be displaced by *Martinellia*, as Dr. Carrington has well observed¹⁵. What then becomes of *Radula*, the next oldest

¹¹RICHARD SPRUCE. Hepaticæ of the Amazon and of the Andes of Peru and Ecuador. Trans. and Proc. of the Bot. Society (Edinburgh) XV. (1885).

¹²Revue Bryologique, VIII, 89-104 (1881).

¹³Sylloge Jungermannidearum Europæ indigenarum, 1831.

¹⁴Recueil d'Observations sur les Jungermanniacées, 1835.

¹⁵British Hepaticæ, p. 52.

name? Shall it displace *Scapania* or *Plagiochila*? Or in a case which involves so much difficulty and can certainly disturb nothing outside of the three genera in question, is it not the part of wisdom to reject Gray's name and leave the three names so long established intact, as has been done by Spruce, Carrington, and most of the English school. In any case the adoption of *Martinellia* for *Scapania*, as done by Dr. Lindberg, is unwarranted.

The relations of these early established genera may be made more clear by the following table:

RADDI 1820	GRAY 1821	DUMORTIER 1822	
<i>Rœmeria</i>	= <i>Riccardius</i>	= <i>Aneura</i>	
	<i>Pallavicinius</i>	= <i>Dilaena</i>	= <i>Steetzia</i> Lehm 1846.
<i>Metzgeria</i>	= <i>Herverus</i>	= <i>Fasciola</i>	
<i>Pellia</i>	= <i>Papa</i>	= <i>Scopulina</i>	
<i>Fossombronina</i>	= <i>Maurocenius</i>	= <i>Codonia</i>	
<i>Frullania</i>	= <i>Salviatus</i>	= <i>Jubula</i>	
	<i>Pandulphinus</i>	= <i>Lejeunea</i>	Libert 1820.
	<i>Marchesinus</i>	= <i>Phragmicoma</i>	= <i>Lejeunea</i> Spruce
<i>Antoïrea</i>	} = <i>Cavendishia</i>	= <i>Madotheca</i>	= <i>Porella</i> Dill. 1741.
<i>Bellincinia</i>			
<i>Candollea</i>	= <i>Martinellius</i>	= <i>Radula</i>	} <i>Radula</i> Dum. 1835. <i>Scapania</i> Dum. 1835. <i>Plagiochila</i> Dum. 1835.
	<i>Mylius</i>	=	
	<i>Nardius</i>	= { <i>Mesophylla</i> <i>Marsupella</i>	
	<i>Bazzanius</i>		
		<i>Thricholea</i>	= <i>Trichocolea</i> Dum.
	<i>Scalius</i>	= <i>Mniopsis</i>	
	<i>Cesius</i>	= {	= <i>Gymnomitrium</i> Nees, 1833.
	<i>Herbertus</i>	= { <i>Schisma</i>	= <i>Sendtnera</i> Nees, 1845.
	<i>Lippius</i>	= <i>Saccogyna</i>	
<i>Calypogeia</i>	= <i>Kantius</i>	= <i>Cincinnulus</i>	

Since the publication of the Descriptive Catalogue¹⁶, many changes have become necessary, some of which had escaped notice at the time of publishing that paper because of the absence of much of the scattering hepatic literature, and many more from the investigations made since its publication. In the review of the species of the "manual region" the following changes become necessary, and since necessary the sooner we become familiar with them the better:

Frullania Grayana (p. 66) becomes *F. Asagrayana*, the original form of the name, which has been misquoted by Americans in its shortened form, beginning with Sullivant. "*Frullania* Hutchinsiae var." (p. 65) becomes *Jubula* Hutch-

¹⁶ Underwood. Descriptive Catalogue of North American Hepaticæ, north of Mexico. In. Bull. Ill. State Lab. Nat. Hist. II, 1-133 (1884), to which page references are made in the corrections.

insiae (Hook.) Dum., var. *Sullivantii* Spruce, described in full in his *Hepaticæ of the Amazon*, p. 62.

Phragmicoma clypeata (p. 73) becomes *Lejeunea clypeata* (Schw.) Sulliv., to which *L. calyculata* Tayl. (p. 69) is reduced as a synonym based on an examination of Taylor's specimen in the Gray Herbarium. *L. cucullata* (p. 71 not of Nees) becomes *L. diversiloba* Spruce, the true *L. cucullata* Nees being a Javan plant.

L. echinata Tayl. (p. 72) is properly *L. calcarea* Libert, as the species was originally named in 1820. The use of Taylor's name illustrates one of the pernicious principles that has been introduced into the system, and is even now maintained by some botanists. The plant was first described by Hooker in 1816 under the varietal name "*Jungermannia hamatifolia* B *echinata*." Mademoiselle Libert describes it as a species in 1820 as a type of her new genus *Lejeunea* with the specific name, "*calcarea*"; Taylor, in 1844, rejected Mademoiselle Libert's name and revived the varietal name of Hooker, which plainly has no claim to priority, not having been used by him as a *specific* name.

L. testudinea Tayl., *L. cyclostipa* Tayl., *L. polyphylla* Tayl. and *L. longiflora* Tayl., should all be stricken from our flora, Spruce having pointed out the fact that they are all South American species, erroneously reported from Ohio by mistakes in labels.

Madotheca (p. 74) must be replaced by the pre-Linnæan name *Porella* of Dillenius. It is a singular fact that the name *Madotheca* should have remained so long undisturbed, since Linnæus himself adopted Dillenius' name, although he erroneously placed the plant among the Musci. Our species become *P. pinnata* L. (= *Madotheca porella*, p. 76), *P. platyphylla* (L.) Lindb. (p. 75), *P. thuja* (Dicks.) Lindb. (p. 75), *P. rivularis* (Nees.) (p. 74), and *P. Sullivanti* (Aust.) (p. 75). *Blepharozia* (p. 80) returns to *Ptilidium* and our species is *P. ciliare* (L.) Nees. Another erroneous principle of nomenclature is here illustrated. *Blepharozia* was established as a sectional or subgeneric name by Dumortier in his *Sylloge*, 1831, but was not raised to generic rank until 1835; meanwhile (1835) Nees had established for the same plant the genus *Ptilidium*, which must stand as the first *generic* name.

Sendtnera (p. 81) becomes *Herberta*, as noted above, and our species is *H. adunca* (Dicks.) S. Gray.¹⁷

¹⁷ Our species has erroneously been referred to *S. juniperina*, which is a much more robust species of tropical America.

Cephalozia catenulata (p. 95 *et Auct. Amer.*, not of Lindenb.) is a new species described by Spruce under the name of *C. Virginiana*.¹⁸

C. multiflora (p. 94) was erroneously described by Lindberg and corrected by Dr. Spruce;¹⁹ it should, therefore, read *C. multiflora* Spruce, with some alteration in the specific description.

C. Francisci, var. *fluitans* (p. 96), becomes *C. fluitans* (Nees.) Spruce.²⁰

Calypogeia (p. 85) becomes *Kantia*, as noted above, and our species become *K. trichomanis* (Dicks.) S. Gray, and *K. Sullivanti* (Aust.).

Trichocolea Biddlecomiæ (p. 82), imperfectly described, presents no characters in the description which merit for it a specific rank. No specimens are in existence, so far as we can find; it will, therefore, drop from the list.

Scapania compacta, var. *irrigua* (p. 108), becomes *S. irrigua* (Nees) Dum. *S. breviflora* Tayl. (p. 110), as seen in Taylor's own specimen and drawing in the Gray herbarium, is a synonym of *S. nemorosa*. *S. albicans*, var. *taxifolia* (p. 108) is removed to *Diplophyllum*, and its nomenclature is *D. albicans* (L.) Dum., var. *taxifolium* (Nees).

Lophocolea minor (p. 89, Aust. *Hep. Bor.-Am.* No. 65b, not of Nees), is *L. Austini* Lindb., while *L. crocata* (p. 90, Aust. *Hep. Bor.-Am.* No. 65, not of Nees), is the true *L. minor* Nees, as pointed out by the late Dr. Lindberg.²¹

Chiloscyphus Drummondii Tayl. (p. 88) drops out of the list as a synonym of *Harpanthus scutatus*. There is a strange mortality among Taylor's American species, and further study of his private collection, which now forms part of the Gray herbarium, will doubtless be a profitable work in clearing up some problems in synonymy.

Coleochila (p. 97) becomes *Mylia*, as noted above, and our species is *M. Taylori* (Hook.) S. Gray.

Pleuranthe olivacea (p. 90), another of Taylor's species, is *Harpanthus Flotovianus* Nees.

Jungermania polita (p. 104 Aust. *Hep. Bor.-Am.* No. 46, not of Nees) is described by Dr. Lindberg as a new species, *J. laxa* Lindb.²²

Marsupella Dum., following Dr. Spruce, is to be sepa-

¹⁸ Spruce; on *Cephalozia*, 1882, p. 37.

¹⁹ Spruce, l. c. 37.

²⁰ Spruce, l. c. 50.

²¹ *Hepaticæ in Hibernia mense Julii*, 1873, lectæ; in *Acta Soc. Scient. Fenn.* X, 503 (1875).

²² Loc. cit. 529.

rated from *Nardia* (p. 113) and our species become *M. spha-celata* (Gies.) Dum. (p. 114), *M. emarginata* (Ehrh.) Dum. (p. 114) and *M. adusta* (Nees) (p. 114). *Nardia*, however, receives a considerable accession from *Jungermania* as follows: *N. hyalina* (Lyell) Carr. (p. 102), *N. crenulata* (Sm.) Lindb.²³ (p. 101), *N. crenuliformis* (Aust.) Lindb. (p. 101), *N. biformis* (Aust.) Lindb. (p. 102), and *N. fossombronioides* (Aust.) Lindb. (p. 101) the last forming a distinct subgenus.

Cesia (p. 115) is preoccupied as *Cæsia* (R. Br. 1810) in the *Liliaceæ*; hence our species must be referred to *Gym-nomitrium* (Nees, 1833) and becomes *G. concinnatum* (Lightf.) Dum.

Steetzia (p. 57) becomes *Pallavicinia* as noted above, and our species is *P. Lyellii* (Hook.) S. Gray.

The species which since the days of Schweinitz, the father of American hepaticology, has been confused under the name of *A. palmata* (p. 54), is a very distinct species which has been described as *A. latifrons* Lindb.²⁴

Lunularia cruciata (p. 43) was described by Micheli long before Linnæus called it *Marchantia cruciata*; hence it must be called *Lunularia vulgaris* Mich.²⁵

Duvalia (p. 35) and *Grimaldia* (p. 35) form one genus as early held by Bischoff²⁶ and later insisted upon by Lind-berg²⁷, who, however, reduces all to the genus *Duvalia* (Nees, 1817). As there is an earlier *Duvalia* (Haworth, 1812) the species must be placed in *Grimaldia* (Raddi, 1818). Our species of *Duvalia* thus becomes *Grimaldia rupestris* Lindenb.

Riccia bifurca (p. 23) is omitted, there being no probability that it is a member of our flora.

Sphærocarpus Micheli (p. 30) has a much earlier name, *S. terrestris* Mich.,²⁸ which must take its place in our list.

Four species are known only from their original descriptions, no specimens, so far as we are aware, existing in any American collection; these are (1) *Frullania Pennsylvanica* Stephani, (2) *Jungermania Gillmani* Aust., (3) *J. Wattiana* Aust. and (4) *Cephalozia pleniceps* (Aust.) Und. These should be specially sought by collectors in the higher latitudes. Two species must be added to our list, viz.: (1) *Frullania dilatata* (L.) Nees, and (2) *Pellia endiviæfolia* (Dicks.) Dum., which has

²³ Loc. cit. 530.

²⁴ Manipulus Muscorum Secundus, in *Notiser pro Fauna et Flora Fennica*, XIII, 372 (1874).

²⁵ Micheli, loc. cit. 4, tab. 4.

²⁶ Bemerkungen über die Lebermoose, in *Acta Acad. Cæs. Leop.* XVII, 1025 (1835).

²⁷ Musci Novi Scandinavici, 285.

²⁸ Micheli, loc. cit. 4, tab. 3.

hitherto been confused with *P. epiphylla*. Both of these are well known European species. This brings the flora of the "Manual region" to 140 species, which, as compared with the former publication in Gray's Manual by Sullivant, is an increase of 31 species. It should be noted, however, that from Sullivant's enumeration should be deducted: (1) those species which were then erroneously accredited to our district (5 species); (2) species included which have since been reduced to synonyms (8 species); and (3) species included in his list which were beyond the limits of the "Manual region" (13 species). After making these legitimate deductions, the ratio stands 83 to 140, which represents a fair advance when we consider the few who have studied or collected hepatics in America during the last twenty-six years.²⁹

From Canada and the other British provinces are a considerable number of additions to report, due chiefly to the untiring energy of Prof. John Macoun. We wait the publication of these by their collector. We are now at work on a revision of the Pacific species, while a considerable number of additions collected in Florida by Capt. Donnell Smith, several years ago, have been generously placed at our disposal for study and will be examined at an early day. Two rare Southern species, *Riccia Donnellia* Aust. and *Thallocarpus Curtisii* Aust., will be distributed in the next issue of *Hepaticæ Americanæ* through the generosity of Dr. N. L. Britton, of Columbia College. Working, as time has permitted, almost alone for the past eight years, with almost no one who would or could collect in remote parts of the country, the study has at times been very discouraging. But times have changed; collectors are more abundant, and collect more intelligently; collections come to hand faster than the crowded leisure time of a busy professional life will serve to examine; but that there is an "awakening" in the study of these neglected plants, is a ground for hope for the future. There is as yet only a beginning made; the field is large enough for any number of workers.

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²⁹ The "4th Revised edition" of Gray's Manual on our table containing Sullivant's *Mosses and Hepaticæ of the Eastern United States* bears the date, March 10, 1863.